

Remarks

This Election is in response to the restriction issued in the Office Action of December 17, 2003. In the Office Action, the Examiner has issued a three way restriction, stating that the claims are directed to three patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. According to the Examiner:

Group A, which includes claims 25-60, 82-86, 92-94 and 100-102, is drawn to an electro-kinetic air transporter-conditioner system, which comprises a pin-ring electrode configuration;

Group B, which includes claims 62-78, 87-91 and 95-98, is drawn to an electro-kinetic air transporter-conditioner system, which comprises a plurality of tapered electrodes and a plurality of openings, each surrounded by an electrically conductive material; and

Group C, which includes claims 79-81 and 99, is drawn to an electro-kinetic air transporter-conditioner system, which comprises a plurality of points and a plurality of openings, each surrounded by an electrically conductive material.

Election

Applicants are electing Group A (i.e., claims 25-60, 82-86, 92-94 and 100-102).

Applicants are also canceling the claims in non-elected Group B (i.e., claims 62-78, 87-91 and 95-98) and non-elected Group C (i.e., claims 79-81 and 99), without prejudice or disclaimer of the inventions therein. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims in Group B and Group C in divisional applications.

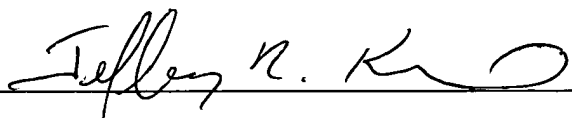
Re-submission of Previously Submitted IDSs

Applicants filed an IDS with the RCE filed on July 17, 2003. Applicants also submitted a Supplemental IDS on July 28, 2003. Applicants are resubmitting copies of these two IDSs to ensure that the Examiner considers the references listed thereon.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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